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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 June 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-41 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to Applicant's Remarks filed June 29, 2005.

Claims 1-41 are herein considered.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed June 29, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to Applicant's arguments concerning claim 1 in that Alcorn fails to teach the retrieval of a subset of a plurality of gaming application objects, and subsequent generation of an object signature for each of the retrieved gaming application objects before combining the object signatures to generate the gaming application signature, the Examiner respectfully disagrees.

Firstly, the Examiner would like to make note that claim 1 specifically teaches the retrieval of a *subset* of a plurality of gaming application objects. It is well known that a subset can contain 0, 1 or a plurality of elements.

Secondly, in response to the Applicant's assertion that Alcorn fails to teach a 'plurality' of gaming objects, the Examiner would like to bring to the Applicant's attention column 2, lines 23-30 wherein Alcorn specifically mentions that his gaming system and method improve upon existing systems because they have a greatly expanded mass storage capacity for storing a multiplicity of high resolution, high sound quality casino

type games. In addition, column 4 lines 23-26 disclose a plurality of programs as well as a plurality of fixed data sets to be authenticated.

It is clear from the abovementioned lines that Alcorn does in fact disclose a plurality of gaming objects and selects from these objects a 'subset' of objects, in order to create an object signature for each of them and an overall application signature from those object signature(s).

In view of the arguments previous, Examiner respectfully disagrees with the Applicant's argument that Alcorn fails to disclose claim 1 in its entirety, and maintains the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejections corresponding to claims 1-8 and 10-18 as provided in the previous office action.

For substantially the same reasons as given with respect to claims 1-8 and 10-18, the Examiner maintains the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejections corresponding to claims 19-26 and 18-41 as provided in the previous office action.

The Examiner also maintains the 35 U.S.C. 103 rejections corresponding to claims 9 and 27 as provided in the previous office action.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tamara Teslovich whose telephone number is (571) 272-4241. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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